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SUBJ: HAPPENINGS IN MEXICO CITY-ECHEVERRIA AND WALDHEIM ADDRESS  
THE G-77.

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1. SEPT 14 PLENARY SESSION OF THE G-77'S CONFERENCE ON CO-  
OPERATION OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITNESSED KEYNOTE SPEECHES  
BY PRESIDENT LUIS ECHEVERRIA AND UNSYG KURT WALDHEIM BOTH OF  
WHOM STRESSED THAT THE THIRD WORLD WAS EMBARKING ON A NEW  
ERA OF "COLLECTIVE SELF-RELIANCE," EVIDENTLY THE NEWEST  
THIRD WORLD CATCHWORD.

2. BEFORE TURNING THE FLOOR OVER TO WALDHEIM, ECHEVERRIA  
GAVE A BRIEF SPEECH IN WHICH HE REITERATED  
CALL (REFTEL) FOR AN ORGANIZED STRUCTURE FOR THE THIRD  
WORLD TO IMPLEMENT THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER.  
IN LISTING THE PROBLEMS THIS NEW STRUCTURE WOULD DEAL WITH,  
HE EMPHASIZED MOST FINANCIAL AND DEBT PROBLEMS FACING THE  
THIRD WORLD.

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3. DR. WALDHEIM BEGAN HIS SOMEWHAT LENGTHIER SPEECH BY

STRESSING A THEME ALSO STRESSED BY THE MEXICANS IN THIS CONFERENCE - THAT THE THIRD WORLD "MAY BE ENTERING TODAY A NEW AND DECISIVE PHASE", PRAISING THE GROUP FOR GOING BEYOND CONCERN ONLY FOR NEGOTIATING POSITIONS WITHIN THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE AND MOVING INTO "COLLECTIVE SELF-RELIANCE" I.E., WAYS OF COOPERATION WHICH WOULD HELP EACH COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT FROM WITHIN. HE DESCRIBED AS A "SIGNIFICANT BREAKTHROUGH" THE THIRD WORLD'S CREATION OF A "POSITIVE ACTION PROGRAM OF COMMON PROJECTS AND POLICIES." HE PRAISED THE PROGRAM NOW BEFORE THE CONFERENCE AS "COMPREHENSIVE, COHERENT, AND SOUND" AND A POSITIVE STEP IN FURTHERING THIS SELF-RELIANCE. (COMMENT: WHAT EXACTLY THIS PROGRAM IS NEEDS YET TO BE DECIDED AT THIS CONFERENCE). IN GENERAL, WALDHEIM WAS MOST PRAISEWORTHY OF THE G-77, OF ITS GOAL-NIEO, AND STATED "MOST RECENTLY I AM GLAD TO NOTE THAT THE SERVICES OF THE UN BOTH AT GLOBAL HEADQUARTERS AND IN THE REGIONS, HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ASSIST YOU IN YOUR ENDEAVORS."

4. BOTH ADDRESSES WERE RECEIVED POLITELY BUT UNEMOTIONALLY. A NUMBER OF AFRICAN DELEGATIONS WERE MISSING (AS WAS, SURPRISINGLY, COLOMBIA). DELEGATES IN GENERAL SEEMED TO BE ANXIOUS TO GET DOWN TO BUSINESS.  
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